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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Biden-Cohen CODEL Trip to Moscow

1. According to SSCI designees Tom Connolly and Jim Dykstra, their principals will fly to Moscow on 15 Feb 84 at the invitation of the Soviet Academy of Sciences to participate in arms control discussions. A meeting with Foreign Minister Gromyko may take place during the 3-7 day visit. (Note that the Senate is to reconvene on 21 February.) Senator William S. Cohen (R., ME) has invited the following staffers to accompany him:

Bob Savitt, Legislative Asst for Soviet & Strategic Arms Issues
Tom Daffron, Administrative Assistant
Wayne Arni, Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) staff

2. Senator Joseph Biden (D., DE) may be accompanied by:

Tom Connolly, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) designee
John Rich, Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) staff

They leave Andrews AFB the evening of 15 February by military aircraft for London and will fly by commercial airline to Moscow in time to begin meetings Friday 17 February.

3. Connolly is interested in being briefed by the ACIS prior to the trip and would be pleased to visit Headquarters for that purpose. He also asked whether there were "any useful" typescript memoranda available that he might not have had access to previously. (He has researched SSCI holdings on the topics.) He is interested in comment on why the

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Soviets left the INF and START talks, under what conditions the Soviets might consider coming back, and anything on Soviet attitudes re possible merger of INF and START talks. Finally, he would appreciate reading something on the Soviet Academy of Sciences with which he seems totally unfamiliar.

4. A check will be made on Monday, 13 February, to determine whether Andropov's death will alter or cancel the visit.



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